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WHILE I HAVE NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE TO ADD TO REFTEL
RUNDOWN AND EVALUATION OF POSSIBLE COUNTERMEASURES,
I STRONGLY ENDORSE IDEA OF FRESH AND PROBABLY HIGHER-
LEVEL EFFORTS GET UK GENUINELY TO ACCEPT POLITICAL
DIMENSION OF BERLIN AVIATION AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.
CONSISTENT PATTERN OF MY OWN INVOLVEMENT WITH UK
REPS OVER SEVERAL YEARS IN WASHINGTON, OCCASIONAL
DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON, AND NOW IN BERLIN, IS THAT
WHILE THEY USUALLY PAY INITIAL AND PERFUNCTORY LIP
SERVICE TO POLITICAL RATIONALS FOR ALLIED BERLIN
AVIATION, FACT IS THAT DOT RUNS SHOW ENTIRELY,
NARROW COMMERCIAL INTEREST SEEMS BE ONLY THING THAT
COUNTS, AND SERVICE TO WEST BERLIN TRAVELLING PUBLIC
IS OBVIOUSLY NOT VERY HIGH ON THEIR PRIORITY LIST, TO
JUDGE BY MEDIOCRE SERVICE BA PROVIDES. USG IS OF
COURSE NOT LILY-WHITE IN THIS AREA, BUT OUR RECORD
IS INFINITELY BETTER THAN THAT OF UK, AND WARRANTS
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OUR BEST EFFORTS ENSURE THAT NEITHER THEY NOR FRENCH

BE PERMITTED OVERLOOK BASIC ALLIED POLITICAL OB-
LIGATION IN BERLIN AS IT BEARS ON AVIATION. REGARD-
LESS OF IMPROVEMENT IN SURFACE ACCESS BROUGHT ABOUT
BY QA, AIR ACCESS AND SERVICE FOR WHICH ALLIES WHOLLY
RESPONSIBLE REMAIN OF KEY PRACTICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL
IMPORTANCE TO CITY.GEORGE

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